

2nd Grade Scoop

Sept. 29–Oct.–3, 2014

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West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for October is: **Respect**. Respect means recognizing the value of people, property, the environment and yourself. When you use kind words you are showing respect. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about autumn in our communities.

Vocabulary Words:
urban, suburban,
rural & landforms



Math

This week we will be working with tables, graphs, & doubling numbers. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:
*Study spelling words
*Read for 20 minutes every night
*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction
*Practice writing short stories
*Practice fluency sheets
*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night.

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are Common Core aligned. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair."

Spelling

The students are working on spelling words with long vowels this week. (i, ie, igh). We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



Dates to Remember:
October 4–Scholastic book order due
October 13 – No School
October 14 – Bookmobile
October 22 – Picture Retakes

Phonics & Grammar

*Genre: Non-Fiction, and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Climb Your Mountain"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Encourage your child

to read and practice

math facts each

night. This is a very

powerful habit that

pays off in the long

run. These are skills

they need to know.

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: brother, caught, cheer, learn, lose, straight

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: lose, competitive, spectator, worthwhile, techniques, struggle, traction, specially, agile

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"Soccer Feet" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Night Game" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

Listening Center

Stories:

"Winners Never Quit" By Mia Hamm

Genre:

Autobiography

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: **straight, cheer, brother, lose, learn, and caught**

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

Sept./Oct. Snacks:

Sept. 29 - Mrs. S.

Sept. 30 - Mrs. S.

Oct. 1 - Tracy

Oct. 2 - Easton

Oct. 3 - Samuel

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Our class Halloween party will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 at 2:15 p.m. The room parents that signed up for the party are: Christy Menning- 351-0894; Amanda Rolfson - 610-5780; Sondra Vogt - 261-0570; Cathie Jaton- 310-0065 and Heidi Lueth - 906-0619. The chairperson is Christy. She will contact the other room parents to help plan the party. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us! Remember: no scary costumes will be permitted! If any other parents would like to help, just let me know and I will include you! Thank you!

Quotes of the Week-

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step!" Lao Tzu

"Politeness goes far, yet costs nothing!" Seneca

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"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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